

The Honorable Diane Feinstein
United States Senate
Washington DC 20510

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Dear Senator Feinstein,

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Our radio control frequencies are in the 72-76 Mhz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operation. However, our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without interference.

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When we operate our models, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordinations and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number usable frequencies are diminished as proposed by the FCC,

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February 2, 1993 A.M.A. # 255867

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Senator Diane Fienstien
367 Dirksen, Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-0520

Reference: Notice of Proposed FCC Rule Making PR Docket 92-235

Dear Senator Fienstien:

I derive many hours of enjoyment constructing and operating radio-controlled model helicopters and airplanes. I am also, active in a local club. I personally own 3 radios, 4 R/C models and have a workshop full of other products necessary in the operation of my models.

I am very concerned about the proposed rule that is currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted the new rule will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for R/C model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability.

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When we operate our R/C models, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

I don't think it is wise of the FCC to seek to expand the operation conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of the radio-controlled modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radio, but we have considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. It is a sizeable industry that must be saved from these detrimental FCC actions. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to hundreds of thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposal PR Docket 92-235 for the 72 - 76 MHz band. We all need your help urgently because the FCC has a deadline of February 26, 1993, after which it may become more difficult to avoid halting these proposals from going into effect.

Sincerely,

David D. Dahl

February 2, 1993

1993 FEB -5 PM 3:14

The Honorable Diane Feinstein
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Your Honor:

This letter concerns PR Docket 92-235 regarding new usage in the 72 and 75 MHz bands.

I have flown radio-controlled sailplanes regularly since 1969 and have had many enjoyable hours at the Torrey Pines Gliderport and other sites. I have enjoyed teaching many youngsters to fly and have watched this experience help build their character. Twice I served as President of the Torrey Pines Gulls, of the National Soaring Society and was the first President of the Torrey Pines Soaring Council, established by the City of San Diego to regulate and unify flight activities at Torrey Pines. I was instrumental in having this Gliderport designated a National Soaring Landmark by the National Soaring Museum. On March 21, 1993 the City of San Diego will designate this Gliderport as an Historic Site. I offer this background merely to point out that the following remarks represent the views of hundreds of radio control sailplane pilots.

As members of the Academy of Model Aeronautics we accept that flight safety as being of paramount importance. We closely monitor the activity of beginners and offer free instruction to ensure their safe flight. We replaced our equipment so that it meets the current FCC bandwidth requirements. We have established procedures to prevent frequency conflict and encourage the use of fail-safe equipment... all this in recognition of the danger of uncontrolled aircraft.

Each of us invests in our aircraft and radio equipment. Beginners start at about \$200 (including their AMA license). Gradually the investment grows as they learn to fly more complex and realistic aircraft. More experienced modelers often acquire scale sailplanes. I presently operate five quarter-scale and a larger number of other

scale planes. These represent an investment of about \$1000 each that deserves full care and safe frequency usage. But money should not be the primary argument. This nationwide recreational activity deserves continued recognition and support.

I believe the new frequencies are too close to those currently in use and therefore represent a significant danger to the fliers, the spectators, and the public at large. I strongly recommend that this proposal be denied.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lawrence J. Fogel".

Lawrence J. Fogel, Ph.D.
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La Jolla, CA 92037
619 454-1590

February 1, 1993

The Honorable Senator Feinstein
United States Senate
Washington D.C. 20510

1993 FEB -5 PM 3:06

Dear Senator,

My hobby is designing, and flying radio controlled model airplanes ,
some of which weigh more than 15 Lbs. and are extremely fast. I am now
retired. having spent 21 years at Lockheed Aeronautical Systems Company.

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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

I understand, through my affiliation with the Pioneers Radio Control Club of Santa Clara, that a Notice of Proposed Rule Making (PR Docket 92-235 under Part 88) is being considered by the Federal Communications Commission. This rule would allow the inclusion of new frequency allocations within the 72 - 75 Mhz range. It would also negate the use of neighboring frequencies for Radio Control users. This would wipe out forty of the fifty existing frequencies set aside for the purpose of Radio control sport.

I currently have four different radio units on four different frequencies. These were either purchased since 1991 or updated (at \$100 apiece) when the FCC changed the frequencies at the start of that year.

Possibly you feel that a bunch of grown men "playing" with toy airplanes is beneath your consideration, but these grown men have between \$500 and \$5000 PER MODEL invested in this sport. The research done in the pursuit of this hobby has led to the usage of Remote Piloted Vehicles used by all branches of the military, and the hobby itself provides many youngsters with a rewarding pastime and alternative to drugs.

I would appreciate your help in stopping this new rule.

Thank You

J. E. Silva
1194 Spokane Drive
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1 February 1993

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

203 FEB -5 PM 11:06

REF: FCC issue of NPRM-PR Docket 92-235

Dear Senator Feinstein:

I am a retired Naval aviator who greatly enjoys listening to radio

Regarding FCC Rule Making

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
367 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

1993 FEB -5 AM 11:11

Dear Senator Feinstein,

Ja.29,1993

I am a hobby retailer who sells many radios, radio-controlled models and related products in my store. In addition, I sell train products, plastic model kits and other related hobby products.

It has recently come to my attention that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is considering an action that has the potential to destroy my business and that of thousands of other retailers nationwide like me. The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted the new rule will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for R/C model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability.

Our radio-control frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio-control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

The Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) in PR Docket 92-235 replaces Part 90 of the rules with a new Part 88. Part 90 allows for safe use of R/C aircraft and surface models by keeping 10 Khz spacing between fixed commercial users and frequencies used by R/C enthusiasts. The new Part 88 will allow mobile users on frequencies within 2.5 Khz of frequencies available to us, eliminating safe use of at least 31 of the 50 channels on the 72 MHz band (for R/C aircraft) and 10 of the 30 frequencies on the 75 MHz band (for R/C cars and boats) now used by hobbyists. In fact, more channels will likely be affected.

When we operate our R/C models, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

I don't think it is wise of the FCC to seek to expand the operation conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of the radio-control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radio, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. It is a billion dollar industry that must be saved from these detrimental FCC actions. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to hundreds of thousands of people and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue my business without interference by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposal PR Docket 92-235 for the 72-76 MHz band. We need your help urgently because the FCC has a deadline of February 26, 1993 after which it may become more difficult to avoid this economic mistake.

Sincerely,

Susan Andrus-Chilberg - owner
Susan Andrus-Chilberg-owner
Andrus Hobby House
1080 E. Mission Blvd.
Pomona, Ca. 91766

George Kaplan
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Finestein

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Mr Finestein,

For the past several years I have been involved in constructing and flying model Radio Control Airplanes. I am an active member in a local RC flying club whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio control model airplanes. Our club is also greatly involved in introducing the hobby to children, getting them involved in the building and flying of the models.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and greatly increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72 - 76 MHz band. This is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either of us interfering with the other.

Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are available for radio control of model airplanes, only 17 frequencies will be left if these new rules are adopted.

When we fly our model airplanes under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operator and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

Please understand that many models have wing spans up to 10 feet and weigh as much as 30 or 40 pounds. The models themselves are very expensive to build; but more to the point, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death

if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the air craft. We often fly our models at organized events and contests where hundreds of operators participate. We need the use of our full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

I do not think it is wise of the FCC to improve the operating conditions of the land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radios, but we all have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72 - 76 MHz band.

Sincerely



George Kaplan

1993 FEB -5 PM 3:20
North of radio

In addition to holding a commercial Telegraph License, I also hold an amateur extra class license to.

DONALD R. WALKER
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AUBURN, CALIFORNIA 95602

1993 FEB -5 AM 9:18

The Honorable Diane Feinstein
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

January 31, 1993

Dear Senator Feinstein,

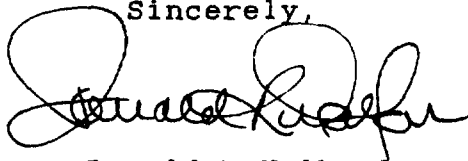
I am writing to you today concerning PR Docket 92-235 which is a proposal of the F.C.C. to insert new users into a portion of the spectrum presently designated for the hobby use of radio controlled airplanes. I am advised by competent advisors that the technical specifications proposed will permit these new users to interfere with the use of these frequencies for the control of model airplanes.

Radio interference as most of us think of it is merely a nuisance. In this case it will mean that we will lose control of our aircraft thusly putting the many spectators at risk who watch our hobby in use and will destroy our aircraft that represent a considerable investment in time and money.

I recently retired and make this hobby a principal part of my life as I looked forward to for so many years. It just seems that everything in this world that is a pleasure and involves some ability is always under attack. These frequencies have been used for many years for this use so I just cannot understand why we are being foreclosed out by the F.C.C. at this time.

I ask you to give this matter your earnest consideration and find in our favor by insisting that the F.C.C. develop an alternative plan for the proposed users. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Donald R. Walker", written in a cursive style.

Donald R. Walker

The Honorable Diane Feinstein
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

13 FEB -3 PM 2:59
January 26, 1993

Dear Ms. Feinstein:

I am very active in a local club whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes. I am very concerned about proposed rules that are under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

Our radio frequencies are in the 72-76 Mhz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. I am told that of 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model airplanes, only 19 frequencies will be left if these new rules are adopted.

Please understand that many model airplanes have wing spans up to ten feet and weigh as much as 30 to 50 pounds. The models themselves are expensive to build; but more to the point, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the craft. We often fly our models at organized events and contests where hundreds of operators participate. We need the use of our full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

It is unfortunate that the FCC chooses to ignore the financial investment hobbyists have poured into modeling. This hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 Mhz band.

Sincerely,



KEITH R. MORRELL
9211 INDEPENDENCE ST

BRUCE A. KENNEY
3740 PIER WALK
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209 FEB - 2 PM 2:00

January 25, 1993

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Feinstein :

I have been interested in aviation for some time now. To pursue my interests I took up the hobby of radio controlled model aircraft construction and flying. I belong to the local R/C modelers club and own several model aircraft and radios. Due to the expense of this hobby I have a substantial financial investment in model aircraft, kits, engines and tools.

I am very concerned about the proposed rule that is currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted the new rule will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for R/C model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability.

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When we operate our R/C models, we go to great lengths to assure safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of useable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

I don't think it is wise of the FCC to seek to expand the operation conditions of mobil radio users at the expense of the radio-control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radio, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. It is a sizeable industry that must be saved from these detrimental FCC actions. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to hundreds of thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposal PR Docket 92-235 for the 72-76 MHz band. We all need your help urgently because the FCC has a deadline of February 26, 1993 after which it may become more difficult to avoid halting these proposals from going into effect.

Sincerely,

Bruce Kenney

JAN 29, 1993

The Honorable Diane Flenstien
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Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Flenstien

I am retired and I am very actively involved in a local club whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio controlled model aircraft.

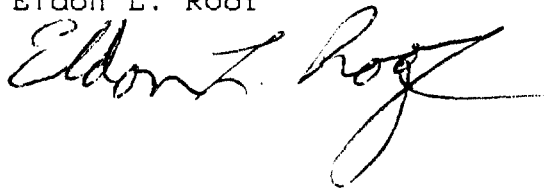
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Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. Of the current 50 frequencies for model airplanes only 19 will remain safely usable if these new rules are adopted.

Please do not allow this proceeding PR Docket 92-235 to be adopted. To do so will result in serious safety hazards to spectators and many unsophisticated radio control fliers. Many of the fliers belong to no organized club and would never find out about this until they fell victim to this interference.

Sincerely,
Eldon L. Roof



ROGER S. BOROVY
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PALO ALTO, CALIFORNIA 94306

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January 27, 1993

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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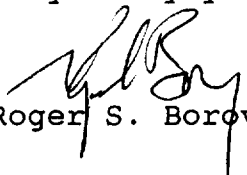
Radio Controlled Model Aircraft

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein -2- January 27, 1993

Our model clubs spend a lot of time enforcing safety. This apparently "minor" frequency allocation change (the first of its type in 60 years) could wreak havoc with our safety record.

I earnestly enlist your support in opposing this proposed change.

Very truly yours,

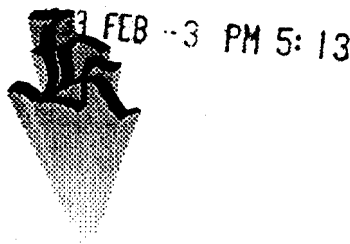

Roger S. Borovoy

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**The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510**

Friday, January 29, 1993



Dear Senator Feinstein

I am retired from the California Air National Guard, with a Permanent rank of Tech. Sergeant. I have maintained my interest in flying by building and flying Radio Controlled Aircraft. I have been interested in flying since I was a child.

I am very concerned about the proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling miniature aircraft.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72 - 76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobil dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the mobil frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobil radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as the big business users of radios, but we have

considerable investment in our models and in our equipment. What if the

Chris Mahoney
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January 28, 1993

93 FEB -3 PM 5:10

The Honorable Diane Feinstein
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Feinstein:

This letter is concerning the proposed rule PR Docket 92-235.

I have been building and operating radio control planes for over 20 years. I compete in local competitions and am anxious to teach my children how to build and fly radio control planes in the near future.

I own planes, radio's and a garage full of radio control plane equipment that has cost me several thousand dollars that would be unusable if this frequency assignment is adopted.

Not only would I lose a fortune but the 2 hobby shops I buy from stock about 75% of their inventory with radio control plane merchandise. They could be out of business.

But the idea that scares me the most is the matter of safety. Most of the airplanes I fly and that are flown by the members of my club are large, heavy planes that travel at very high speeds. We fly in a public area and my children are often out there watching me and wanting to learn how to fly. The proposed new frequencies are so close I would not take the risk of losing control of the plane and having it hit somebody or one of my own kids. These planes could kill someone if the frequency's experience interference and the flyer loses control of the plane.

Radio control flying's very good family fun and I want it to stay that way and I want it to stay safe. Let's not change it just so some big companies can make more money selling mobile,

January 20, 1993

The Honorable Ms. Feinstein
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Ms. Feinstein:

1993 FEB -2 PM 3:42

I am employed at a hobby distribution company that sells mostly radio controlled hobby products. It is a good job that provides steady income for me and my family.

It appears that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is considering an action that will put my company and, therefore, my job in jeopardy. The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235.

In that action, I understand that by 1996 mobile users of other electronic equipment for voice communications, inventory control, bar code readers and the like would be able to use frequencies within 2.5 KHz of the radio frequencies used by our customers - R/C modelers. Now, there is safe spacing of 10 KHz between fixed commercial users and our frequencies.

Putting PR Docket 92-235 into effect will eliminate safe use of many frequencies now used by R/C modelers on the 72 and 75 MHz bands. This not only creates a health hazard but will really hurt the R/C hobby business, possibly costing me my job.

In an economic time when jobs are hard to come by, I hope you won't take this action and eliminate thousands of jobs related to this industry as well as the pastime of hundreds of thousands of modelers across the U.S.

I urge you to give this your personal and immediate attention as the FCC has required that all public comments be made by February 26, 1993. Please keep 10 KHz spacing between all frequencies on 75 and 72 MHz bands as the rule now stands.

Thank you for your timely consideration.

Sincerely,

Sally A. Keen
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Paso Robles, CA 93446

The Honorable Diane Feinstein
U.S. Senator
11111 Santa Monica Blvd.
Suite 915
Los Angeles, Ca. 90025

January 31, 1993

Dear Senator Feinstein:

I am member of a club in the Los Angeles area whose members are very active in the construction and flying of radio controlled model airplanes. I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the FCC. The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the useability of radio frequencies currently assigned for model use and will increase the risk of accidents and our liability for controlling the model airplanes.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is primarily used by private land mobile dispatch operations, but the frequencies assigned to radio controlled modelers are far enough apart from land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without interfering with one another.

The FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many of the proposed land mobile frequencies will move very close to those frequencies assigned to RC Modelers and will cause interference to model airplane operations. The key here is not just interference but SAFETY.

Please understand that while these are model airplanes, many of the models have wing spans up to 10', weigh as much as 25 to 30 pounds, and can reach speeds of over 100 MPH. Modelers go to great length to insure safety of operation. If 2 modelers attempt to use the same frequency at the same time, both aircraft will lose control. Similarly, if a modeler is flying and a land mobile unit, which has a much more powerful transmitter, creates interference with the airplane frequency, all control of the airplane is lost. Almost every model airfield is within easy flying range of highways and populated areas if control of the aircraft is lost.

I do not think that it wise of the FCC to seek to expand land mobile radio frequencies at the expense of radio controlled modelers. There are hundreds of thousands of modelers nationally, and the typical modeler has thousands of dollars invested in planes and radio equipment. Every plane that a modeler has built generally has its own radio/receiver and frequency. A typical model plane can range in cost from \$400 to as much as \$2,000. And it is not unusual for a hobbyest to have 5 to 10 planes.

This hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to me and to thousands like me. Please help us continue the safe enjoyment of our pastime by not allowing the FCC to implement PR Docket 92-235. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Art Renfro
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January 28, 1993

The Honorable Diane Feinstein
367 Dirksen
Senate Office Building
Washington, DC. 20510

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Bakersfield, CA. 93311
January 28, 1993

FCC
1919 M. St. N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: **FCC NPRM PR Docket 92-235**

Gentlemen:

This letter is to express my concern and objection to the proposed insertion of two (2) additional frequencies between the current frequencies assigned for modeling use and commercial users (72 MHZ & 75 MHZ).

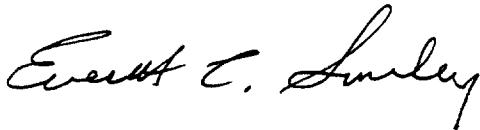
As an active member of the AMA and frequent flyer of radio control sailplanes, I am very concerned about the safety and economic implications of the referenced proposal.

The current frequencies assigned for modeling and commercial use have only recently been completely phased in after a great deal of expense in order to insure that the commercial users do not interfere with the modeling frequencies. This expense was necessary to insure safety of flight for model aircraft as well as safe operation of other R/C modeling activities. The current equipment could not be safely operated if the referenced proposal is passed.

R/C modeling has been and will continue to be a safe and responsible hobby and relaxing leisure time for us "old folks" approaching or in retirement with the continued understanding of the FCC.

Please re-evaluate the conditions under which NPRM PR Docket 92-235 is being considered and seek other alternatives.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Everett C. Smiley". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the "Thank you," text.

Everett C. Smiley
AMA 13127

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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

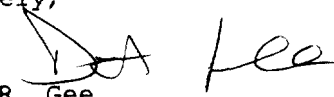
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Dear Senator Feinstein:

I am contacting you in regards to a proposed FCC rule change now being considered: PR Docket 92-235.

This proposal would have an extremely negative effect on my family's hobby activities. Three generations of Gees operate model aircraft, boats, and cars. We are active members of a local club, and own many pieces of radio control equipment that would be rendered useless if the changes are made. The proposal would place radio frequencies so close as to make interference a continual hazard.

I have flown models for many years, at various public and private sites, and derived much pleasure from this harmless activity. The rule changes now under consideration would severely disrupt that, and cripple a thriving industry when we need such things most. Please see that this plan is laid to rest.

Sincerely,


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